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OLIVE CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area covered under olive plantation in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any scheme to promote the cultivation of Olive in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the assistance provided to increase the area for Olive cultivation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Area covered under olive cultivation in the country, State-wise is as under:-

Jammu & Kashmir	- 481 ha
Rajasthan	- 210 ha
Himachal Pradesh	- 51 ha
Uttarakhand	- 10 ha
Total	- 752 ha

(b) & (c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has been implementing two Centrally Spondored Schemes Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, J&K and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the remaining States for holistic development of horticultural crops including olive.

Under TMNE, assistance of Rs.22,500/- per hectare is being provided to farmers for bringing an additional area under olive cultivation. Half of the assistance i.e. 50% amounting to Rs.11,250/- is provided in the first year of plantation and balance 50% is provided in the 2nd and 3rd year of plantation @ Rs.4500/- and Rs.6750/- per hectare respectively, subject to the survival of 75% and 90% plants in 2nd and 3rd year.